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The reply brief filed April 7, 2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

It is noted that in the Examiner's Answer mailed on February 7, 2006, item "(8) Evidence Relied Upon" incorrectly indicates that no evidence is relied upon by the examiner in the rejection of the claims under appeal. In fact, the U.S. Patent No. 5,174,374 to Hailey was relied on by the examiner in item "(9) Ground of Rejection" to reject all of the claims on appeal.

\* Attachment: Information Disclosure Statements, Form PTO-1449, filed March 6, 2006 and April 21, 2006.

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